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SOVIET CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS
INDUSTRY INCREASES PRODUCTION

RSFSR PLANS INCREASED OUTPUT IN 1952 -- Moscow, Pravda, 3 Jan 52

During 1952, enterprises of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry RSFSR will considerably increase the output of bricks, lime, roofing tiles, etc. Production of reinforced-concrete structural parts, including girders and floor tiles, staircases and staircase landings, will be expanded.

A number of plants will be completely reconstructed and will increase their output. The productive capacity of the Peskudnikovo, Volokolamsk, and Khlebnikovskiy brick plants of Moscow Oblast is to be increased by 97 million bricks per year.

Reconstruction of the Tushkovo Lime Combine and the Shchurovo Plant is almost completed. These enterprises are to produce 90,000 tons of lime more than previously. A new shop for the production of gypsum blocks for apartment partitions will be put into operation at the alabaster plant in Moscow.

At present, much is being done for the expansion of plants producing reinforced-concrete products.

SAKHALIN PROVIDES MATERIALS FOR OWN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS -- Moscow, Pravda, 5 Jan 52

The local industry of Sakhalin is producing increasing quantities of construction materials for construction projects of Sakhalin Oblast. Brick plants of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Aleksandrovsk-Sakhalinskiy, and Dolinsk delivered several million bricks in 1951. The Korsakov Lime Plant produced hundreds of tons of lime.

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The productive capacity of construction materials enterprises is rapidly growing. Most of the existing brick plants have been reconstructed and equipped with new machinery.

A new brick plant will soon be built in the oblast center, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, with a planned capacity of 10 million bricks and 400,000 roofing tiles per year. It is also planned to build a plant to produce slag blocks. Production of silica bricks is being organized in Anivskiy Raion.

LENINGRAD PLANTS EXCEED 1951 PLAN -- Leningradskaya Pravda, 9 Jan 52

Construction materials enterprises of Leningrad City operated successfully in 1951. The 1951 plan was fulfilled as follows: bricks, 104 percent; reinforced-concrete products, 115 percent; and roofing iron, 100.6 percent. The production plan for lime, gypsum, faience products, and other construction materials was also exceeded.

MOSCOW EXCEEDS 1951 PLAN -- Moscow, Trud, 3 Jan 52

Moscow workers in the construction materials and construction parts industry exceeded the 1951 plan. The output of bricks was 53 million bricks above 1950; reinforced-concrete products, 40,000 cubic meters; and plaster-board, 3,200,000 square meters more than in 1950.

MOSCOW PLANS PRODUCTION INCREASE IN 1952 -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 5 Feb 52

Enterprises of the Moscow City Administration of Construction Materials Industry plan to expand production in 1952. The following production increases are planned: bricks, 19.2 percent; reinforced-concrete products, 64.6 percent; lime, 7.4 percent; gravel, 53.5 percent; facing tiles, 14 percent.

In 1952, a large quantity of ceramic blocks, i.e., 71 million standard bricks, are to be produced. The Krasnopresnenskiy Plant No 1 will start production of a new wall material, "carbonized lime foam-silica blocks."

New plants for reinforced-concrete products are under construction in Vyazovka and Shelepikha. Until these plants are completed, construction workers have to produce the necessary reinforced-concrete items directly on the construction site.

The quantity of bricks and other wall materials produced in Moscow City and Moscow Oblast is to increase 28 percent in 1952.

KAZAKH CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INDUSTRY STILL LAGGING -- Alma-Ata, Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, 17 Dec 51

The construction materials industry of the Kazakh SSR has, on the whole, eliminated its main shortcoming, i.e., its seasonal character. At present, construction materials enterprises have a sufficient amount of machinery and the capacity of brick plants has increased almost 2.5 times. However, despite the increased production output, the construction materials industry still fails to meet the current demands of the republic for construction materials.

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Alma-Ata, Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, 29 Jan 52

Most of the enterprises of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry Kazakh SSR did not fulfill the 1951 production plan. Enterprises of the Ministry of Local Industry failed to meet the plan for production of bricks, lime, and nails. This production lag is mainly due to a lack of mechanization and advanced labor methods.

During 1951, the amount of cement, lime, and alabaster produced by enterprises of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry Kazakh SSR was below the 1950 output. The Chu Cement Plant fulfilled the 1951 gross-production plan, but failed to produce the required quantity of cement.

NEW PLANTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 10 Feb 52

The Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR is building a number of new plants for the production of plasterboard and partition blocks in various cities.

A new plasterboard plant has been put into operation in Leningrad. Its capacity is 4 million square meters of plasterboard per year. During March, a plant with a similar capacity is to be completed in Minsk. This plant will supply its products to Belorussian construction projects.

New plants for plasterboard and partition blocks are to be built in Stalin-grad and Chelyabinsk. Two large shops for the production of these types of construction material are under construction in Rostov-on-Don.

NEW PLANTS BEGIN OPERATION IN RYAZAN' OBLAST -- Leningradskaya Pravda, 3 Jan 52

Three new plants were put into operation in Ryazan' Oblast as of 1 January 1952: Novo-Derevenakiy, Bel'kovskiy, and Sasovo plants for facing tiles, Dutch tiles, and architectural blocks. These products are to be shipped to large construction projects of the USSR, including the Volga-Don Canal, the tall buildings in Moscow, and the "Metrostroy."

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